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1. AS INSTRUCTED PARA 7 REFTTEL, WE MADE APPROACH
TO GEORGE JUPE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FISHERIES DEPART-
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MENT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

(MAFF) ON MARCH 7. HE STATED HMG RELIEVED AT PROSPECT OF US ACCEPTING AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT AND NOT PUSHING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF 10-YEAR MORATORIUM PROPOSAL. HMG DEFINITELY AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH, SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND AS OCCASION ARISES WILL MAKE ITS VIEWPOINT CLEAR TO OTHER MEMBERS OF IWC.

2. JUPE QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, US TACTICS IN REQUESTING ASSURANCES FROM IWC MEMBERS THAT THEY INTEND TO PROCEED AT JUNE IWC MEETING ON BASIS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF 10 PER CENT VALUE TO "Z".HE FEELS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT AND THAT THEY WOULD FIND US RETURN TO 10-YEAR MORATORIUM A HOLLOW THREAT. HE WOULD HOPE THAT USG NOT INSIST UPON THESE ASSURANCES PRIOR TO MEETING.

3. JUPE ADDED THAT UK'S PRIMARY POLICY CONCERN IS TO KEEP USSR AND JAPAN IN IWC WHILE PRESSING THEM TO ACCEPT QUOTAS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BASED ON SECTIONS C AND D OF PARA 7 REFTEL, JUPE CONFIRMED THAT HMG CANNOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT USG IN 10-YEAR MORATORIUM PROPOSAL.

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